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**Office Action Summary**

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Examiner

Jacky X. Zheng

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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on October 29, 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on October 29, 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)            | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. This is the initial office action based on the application filed on October 29, 2003.

#### *Election/Restrictions*

2. During a telephone conversation with Attorney for Applicants, Mr. Nelson A. Blish (Reg. No. 29,134) on August 13, 2007, an election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of **Group I, corresponding to claims 1-8**. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 9-12 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

#### *Information Disclosure Statement*

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on October 29, 2003 and March 3, 2005 were filed on and after the mailing date of the application on October 29, 2003. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112*

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. **Claim 8** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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6. Claim 8 recites the limitations of “said personal identification number” on line 7 and lines 8-9. It is unclear such limitations are referring to either: “first personal identification number”, “second personal identification number”, or perhaps both of abovementioned limitations. Further clarification with explicit descriptions provided in claim language is respectfully requested.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent

8. **Claims 1-8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by **EP 1,298,487 A1** (hereinafter refer as “Nozaki”).

**With regard to claim 1**, the claim is drawn to a method for storing scanned documents to a media comprising: coding a personal identification number (PIN) onto said media (*See Nozaki, i.e. Paragraph [0072] discloses “Security information”*); inserting said media into a scanner (*i.e. Paragraph [0007] disclose that customers can either bring the “flash memory” or “a negative”, which will be scanned and written in a CD-R disc for instance*); verifying said personal identification and activating said scanner (*i.e. Paragraph [0073] discloses activation of “customer-terminal device”*); scanning at least one document; and storing said scanned documents on said media (*i.e. Paragraph [0007] discloses scanning and storing*).

**With regard to claim 2**, the claim is drawn to a method as in claim 1 wherein said coding includes a manufacturer's identification (*i.e. Paragraph [0072], disclose the remaining 6 digits to be "serial number"*).

**With regard to claim 3**, the claim is drawn to a method as in claim 1 wherein said coding includes a retailer's identification (*i.e. Paragraph [0071] discloses "security information which indicates that the disc is a prepaid CD-R disc issued by the shop", stored at "first track" of the disc*).

**With regard to claim 4**, the claim is drawn to a method as in claim 1 wherein said coding includes store identification (*i.e. Paragraph [0072] discloses "the first 4 digits of the serial code are a shop code"*).

**With regard to claim 5**, the claim is drawn to a method as in claim 1 wherein said coding includes a manufacturer's identification, retailer's identification, and store identification (*Paragraph [0072], disclose the remaining 6 digits to be "serial number"; Paragraph [0071] discloses "security information which indicates that the disc is a prepaid CD-R disc issued by the shop", stored at "first track" of the disc; and Paragraph [0072] discloses "the first 4 digits of the serial code are a shop code"*).

**With regard to claim 6**, the claim is drawn to a method as in claim 1 wherein said coding includes an encrypted portion and an unencrypted portion (*i.e. Paragraph [0075] disclose "the security information may be alternatively arranged", such as "a combination of a shop code Aa01 and a password 023F, is encrypted so as to be stored in a first track of the CD-R disc"*).

**With regard to claim 7**, the claim is drawn to a method for storing scanned documents to a media comprising: coding a personal identification number (PIN) on to said storage media; decoding said personal identification number authorizing a scanning operation based on said personal identification number; scanning at least one document; and storing said scanned documents onto said media (*See Nozaki, i.e. Paragraph [0072] discloses "Security information"; Paragraph [0007] disclose that customers can either bring the "flash memory" or "a negative", which will be scanned and written in a CD-R disc for instance; Paragraph [0073] discloses activation of "customer-terminal device"; Paragraph [0007] discloses scanning and storing;*).

**With regard to claim 8**, the claim is drawn to a method for storing scanned documents to a media comprising: coding a first personal identification number (PIN) onto said storage media at a media manufacturing location (*Paragraph [0072], disclose the remaining 6 digits to be "serial number"*); coding a second personal identification number onto said storage media at a retailer location (*i.e. Paragraph [0072] discloses "the first 4 digits of the serial code are a shop code"*); decoding said personal identification number on a scanner; authorizing a scanning operation based on said personal identification number; scanning at least one document; and storing said scanned documents onto said media (*See Nozaki, i.e. Paragraph [0072] discloses "Security information"; Paragraph [0007] disclose that customers can either bring the "flash memory" or "a negative", which will be scanned and written in a CD-R disc for instance; Paragraph [0073] discloses activation of "customer-terminal device"; Paragraph [0007] discloses scanning and storing;*).

***Conclusion***

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

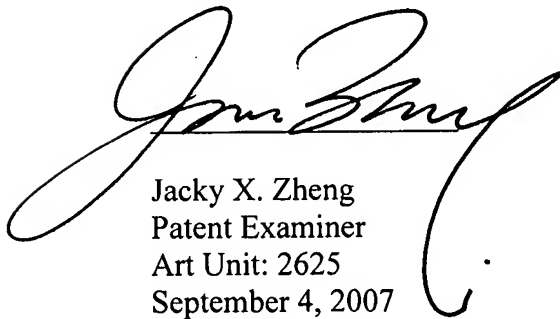
- A. Tanka et al. (EP 1 128 210 A1) disclose an image information acquisition transmitting apparatus and image information inputting and recording apparatus.
- B. Yokomizo et al. (EP 0 878 956) disclose a method of and system for editing images.
- C. Fredlund et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,666,215) disclose a system and method for remotely selecting photographic images.
- D. Yoshino (U.S. Patent No. 7,259,879) discloses an invention relates to print ordering system and control method therefor, and server computer and communication terminal used for print ordering system and control method therefor.
- E. Wada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,221,478) disclose a digital image receiving apparatus, particularly Figures 2-4.
- F. Nozaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,193,741) disclose a digital photo processing apparatus and printing data recording method, see particularly Figures 1 and 2.
- G. Bother et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,124,941, Eastman Kodak) disclose a method and apparatus for preparing, on demand, a selected information package, including digital and print media, from a catalog of information packages.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacky X. Zheng whose telephone number is (571) 270-1122. The examiner can *normally* be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5p.m., Alt. Friday Off.

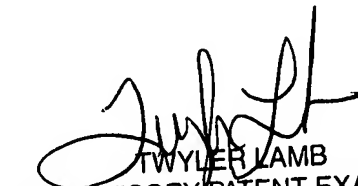
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler M. Lamb can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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